Tyre factory

* 489 *Q.*—SRI S. LAZAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any scarcity of tyres used for motors, cars and cycles; and

(*b*) if so, whether there is any proposal to start a tyre factory?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) Enquiries show that there is no scarcity of tyres for motor cars, trucks, etc., but there is a slight scarcity for cycle tyres.

(*b*) The Dunlop Rubber Company (India), Limited, Calcutta, has been granted a licence to set up a factory in Ambattur to manufacture motor and giant covers, cycle tyres and tyre retreading compound.

SRI S. LAZAR: இந்தத் தொழில் எப்போது ஆரம்பிக்கப்படும் ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: வேலை நடந்துகொண்டிருக்கிறது.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Sir, is there any proposal to plant rubber trees in Ootacamund and Kodaikanal in view of the fact that we have to import raw rubber from other States?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: The Government desire to increase the acreage under rubber.

Dharangadhara Chemicals, Limited.

* 490 *Q.*—SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of capital with which the Dharangadhara Chemicals, Limited, is to start its works at Authoor in Tiruchendur taluk;

(*b*) the amount contributed by shares by the Government;

(*c*) the probable date by which the work is proposed to be started; and

(*d*) the probable number of skilled and unskilled labourers required for the works?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) The Dharangadhara Chemical Works is to start work at Authoor in Tirunelveli district with a capital of about two crores of rupees invested in fixed assets. The about amount does not include working expenses.

(*b*) Rs. 5 lakhs.

(*c*) According to the licence granted by the Government of India, the undertaking should be established before July 1958.

(*d*) About 500 for the factory, about 750 for quarrying limestone and about 500 for the manufacture of salt.

SRI A. VEDARATHNAM: இந்தக் கம்பெனி அங்கு என்னென்ன தொழில்களை ஆரம்பிக்க உத்தேசித்திருக்கிறது ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: காஸ்டிக் சோடா.